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EO 11652: GDS TAS: PEPR, CH, US SUBJ CHINESE TURNING ON CHARM AT KABUL

1. SINCE THE AFGHAN REVOLUTION OF APRIL 27, THE CHINESE, WHO VIEW THE EVENT AS A SOVIET VICTORY, HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO BE PLEASANT WITH AMERICANS AT KABUL. FOR EXAMPLE, CHINESE AMBASSADOR HUANG MING-TA PROMPTLY RETURNED THE RECENT FAREWELL CALL OF OUR AMBASSADOR. HE AND HIS WIFE ALSO ATTENDED THE FAREWELL RECEPTION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS FOR THE AMBASSADOR. OTHER US-PRC CONTACTS HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONALLY FRIENDLY.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT THIS CHINESE ACTIVITY IS DESIGNED TO BE NOTED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE. BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, THE CHINESE HERE WERE FAIRLY STANDOFFISH. ELIOT

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